

the ADA. I was pleased to learn that a 1996 poll by the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation indicated that 75% of respondents believed public attitudes towards disabilities and the disabled had changed since the Act was introduced. The greatest barrier to many talented individuals achieving their goals is the very perception of their disability, and that is why we must continually work to remove these barriers.

As a nurse for 30 years, I agree more needs to be done to remove barriers that prevent people with disabilities from fully participating in society. I understand that although education and employment opportunities have improved since the Act's inception, our work is not yet finished. I congratulate those who worked so hard to make the Act a reality as well as the continued efforts of so many to press for further improvements.

Mr. Speaker, whether in the case of an athlete, a school child or an adult pursuing a new career path, I believe this Act has been an invaluable tool and a demonstration of a more mature, compassionate and understanding, American society. I am honored to be in a position to celebrate the Americans with Disabilities Act and to play a part in ensuring its continuing legacy remains.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARY STEINBRECHER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a Glenwood Springs, Colorado community activist Mary Steinbrecher, an exceptional individual who has selflessly devoted her time and energy to the betterment of the community. I applaud her outstanding character, and her desire to support and enhance our society's way of life. Mary demonstrates such impressive qualities, it is fitting she received the 2002 Athena award in recognition of her humanitarian efforts.

Mary is an individual who performs any task, large or small, with astounding precision and perfection. Her vision to improve and enhance situations and circumstances provides a level of excellence to any organization or establishment she assists. She was instrumental in obtaining the new Glenwood Springs Community Center, and her tireless, selfless efforts finished the project ahead of schedule. Even though Mary's achievements in Glenwood extend to every citizen, Mary humbly accepts her praises with dignity.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride I honor such an outstanding individual before this body of Congress and this nation. Mary contributed so much, and she was so thoughtful, words will never express our appreciation for her. Mary, thank you for your hard work in our community, and I anticipate great future achievements from you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KENNAMETAL INC.'S MINING AND CONSTRUCTION DIVISION FOR 50 YEARS OF OPERATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2002

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kennametal Inc.'s Mining and Construction Division for celebrating 50 years of operation and being inducted in the Bedford County Chamber of Commerce Business Hall of Fame. The manufacturing facility that houses this division, which opened its doors on April 7, 1958, is the oldest manufacturing facility in Bedford County and has been an example of business excellence since its conception. The Bedford facility boasts an impressive record of sales accomplishments that include, being ranked number one in the world for the sale of construction and mining tools and shipping and selling their products to more than 31 countries around the world. Their total sales are projected to be approximately \$150 million by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2002.

Great companies can only continue down the path of success if they are lead by dedicated and reliable employees. Kennametal is an example of how the people make the institution great. The Bedford plant began in 1952 with 12 employees and now hosts 388 employees that are involved in all aspects of the plant's operational success and contribute to the betterment of their community as well. Over the past 20 years, the employees of Kennametal have given more than \$70,000 to Bedford Area charities and community organizations. President George W. Bush, in his last State of the Union Address, challenged all of us to give two years or 4,000 hours of service over our lifetimes. The employees of Kennametal are meeting this challenge by serving as active volunteers for many organizations such as volunteer fire companies, emergency medical services, church groups, youth athletics and more.

This country was built on ingenuity, hard work, and the desire to succeed; all necessary ingredients to be a successful business in today's market. These businesses are a vital component to the fabric of society because they contribute resources, jobs, and products that help develop good communities for not just the employees, but their neighbors as well. It is important for our businesses to be responsible citizens, by sharing their success, they help communities prosper along with industry. Kennametal, over the last 50 years, has demonstrated how this type of partnership can allow progress within the company and the community.

I congratulate Kennametal's Bedford Facility for 50 years of success and I wish them many more in the future.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JEAN WILLIAMS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the hard work and dedica-

tion of Dr. Jean Williams. Jean has given Pueblo, Colorado a lifetime of service through her two careers and has continued to do so into her seventies. For over fifty years Jean dedicated her life to improving public, environmental, and industrial health. In 1981 she retired and became a full time volunteer as a board member of the Senior Resource Development Agency, known as SRDA. She has brought her expertise and experience to this organization, and in honor of her dedication to improve the lives of her peers, she is being honored this year with the Senior Citizen of the Year award.

In addition to her work with the SRDA, Jean has put her medical expertise to work as well through volunteering her time to two separate programs: the Senior Link/Community Link and the Home Health Care. Both enable senior citizens to live full and independent lives by providing help in areas like yard work and transportation and helping to create networks to support active seniors. Jean is an energetic volunteer in both programs and looks after the health of the seniors involved. Jean has selflessly put in countless hours in order to improve the lives of others.

In addition to her efforts as a volunteer, Jean is also a proactive member of her community in other ways as well. She is a proud member of the board of the Pueblo League of Women Voters, the Pueblo Area Council of Government's environmental policy advisory board, the citizens reuse advisory board of the Pueblo Chemical Depot and the School District 60's equal employment opportunity and affirmative action committee. In addition to her official duties, Jean regularly attends the Pueblo Area Council of Government and the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District to keep up on the issues.

Jean continues to work tirelessly to improve her community. Her courage and dedication to service are examples to us all. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to pay tribute to Dr. Jean Williams before this body of Congress. Thank you Jean for all that you have done.

THE LIFE STORY OF JOHN A. DROST

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 11, 2002

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, one of the basic axioms of democracy, one of democracy's fundamental philosophical underpinnings is the notion that the life, work, and opinion, of every person counts, or, at least, ought to count.

I firmly believe in that notion: that every person counts and I believe in its corollary: that every person can make a difference.

I want to offer up a life story as illustration of that belief—the life story of John A. Drost. John Drost was born in 1909 in Czechoslovakia. He went through school there earned a Juris Doctor degree in 1932.

He served in the Czechoslovakian army in the Judge Advocate General's Department and assisted in the mobilization of the Czech Army.

He became associated with a law firm with ties to the exiled Czechoslovakian Government in London representing the interests of Jewish clients.